

REMARKS

We are in receipt of the Office Action dated September 10, 2003, and the above amendment and following remarks are made in light thereof.

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Pursuant to the Office Action, claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Iwasaki et al. 5,962,959. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Kubota 6,168,851. Claims 7 and 9-11 stand rejected under 25 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwasaki et al. '959. Claims 13 and 15-17 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwasaki et al. in view of Shibata et al. 6,353,280. Claims 3 and 12 are also objected to for having insufficient antecedent basis for "said second group of wirings". These rejections are FINAL.

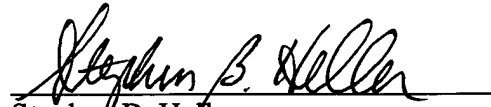
By the foregoing amendments, each of the independent claims 1, 7 and 13 call for "a current control TFT provided over said first substrate." This feature is disclosed in the specification on page 16, line 18 to page 17, line 7. By way of this amendment, applicant believes that each of the independent claims clearly distinguishes over the art of record. Each of the remaining claims is dependent from one of claims 1, 7 and 13, and distinguishes over the prior art for at least the same reason.

With respect to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 6-8, 12-14 and 18, over Kubota, the examiner asserts that the structure identified by reference numeral 12 of Kubota corresponds to various limitations in claims 1, 7 and 13. The structure identified by reference numeral 12 is a via hole. The via hole 12 is filled with a separator 9, formed an isolated resin composition (see col. 8, ln. 67 of Kubota). As such, the via hole 12 does not transmit any electric signal. Consequently, Kubota does not disclose all the features of claims 1, 7 and 13.

Based upon the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action in this regard is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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